Roxbury Community College

25th Honors Assembly
Thursday, April 25, 1996
11:45 AM

Media/Arts Building

Roxbury Community College
1234 Columbus Avenue
Roxbury Crossing, Massachusetts

Program

Greetings
Professor Trudy Thompson, *English*
Professor Alex Asare, *Akan*
Jean-Paul Vernet, *French Creole*
Professor Manju Hertzig, *Hindi*
Viktoriya Galinovskaya, *Russian*
Elizabeth León, *Spanish*

Opening Remarks
Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown, *President, Roxbury Community College*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Dr. Cassandra Anae Simmons, *Board of Directors, RCC Foundation*

Keynote Address
Julia M. Ojeda, M.Ed.
Community Health Associate and Facilitator, The Medical Foundation

Dean's List Recognition
Dr. Bruce A Rose, *Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs*

President's List Recognition
President Grace Carolyn Brown

Presentation of RCCF Scholarships
Dr. Cassandra Anae Simmons

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Marquita Morrisey, *RCC Student*

Reception immediately following in the lobby of the Media/Arts Building

About the Keynote Speaker

Julia M. Ojeda is a bilingual, bicultural (Latina) professional with more than 15 years experience as a facilitator, trainer and consultant for both national and locally-based initiatives on public health issues, community partnerships, retention issues of students of color in higher education, coalition and leadership development, and advocacy. She has worked with a broad range of agencies in the public and private sectors, including the Private Industry Council, the Boston Public Schools, Simmons College, the Bay State Banner/WILD Radio, Greater Boston Legal Services, the Boston Prevention Center and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Currently, Ms. Ojeda is a Community Health Associate and Facilitator for The Medical Foundation. She also directs her own consulting firm, Ojeda & Associates, which specializes in workshops, retreats and seminars on interaction, inclusiveness, cultural competence, conflict resolution, organizational development, and participative management skills.

Born of Puerto Rican parents in New York City, Ms. Ojeda received her schooling in New England and settled in Boston 18 years ago to attend college. She holds a Masters degree in education from Cambridge College with an emphasis on management/administration. Ms. Ojeda also has studied human resource management of computerized resources at Cambridge College and Management of Legal Institutions at the University of Massachusetts/Boston campus.

Ms. Ojeda resides in Dorchester and has one daughter, Raquel, who is employed by the Pediatrics Department at New England Medical Center. Ms. Ojeda was elected to the Board of Directors of the Roxbury Community College Foundation in March, 1996.

About the Composer

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson was born in Jacksonville, Florida in 1871. He received his early education there and then attended Atlanta University. A subsequent career as public school principal, lawyer, diplomat, executive secretary for the NAACP and professor of creative literature at Fisk University paralleled his growth and maturity as a poet and man of letters. In 1900, with his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, he wrote "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Johnson also wrote the lyrics for several musical shows and put his name on a number of hit songs in his early writing days. At the time of his death in an automobile accident in 1938 he was regarded as one of the foremost African Americans of his generation. (from *The Poetry of the Negro,* 1746-1970, edited by Langston Hughes and Arna Bontemps).

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Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

The following 27 students received the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges award for 1996. The students were selected on the basis of their academic standing, community service, leadership ability and potential for continued success:

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Most importantly, students have the advantage of a supportive learning environment where faculty and staff reflect the cultural diversity of the student body.

Established a decade ago, the mission of the Roxbury Community College Foundation is to directly and powerfully affect educational opportunities for students of Roxbury Community College by generating private support for scholarships, a permanent endowment, and other essential programs and services at the College not covered by public funds.

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

James Weldon Johnson